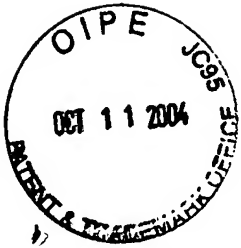


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Group Art Unit: 3753  
Examiner: John K. Ford  
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TEMPERATURE SENSOR  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date  
07202004, please consider the following.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

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- I. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1-5;
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figures 6-11; and,
- III. The species principally illustrated in Figure 12.

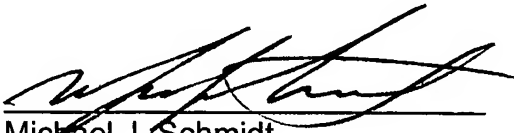
Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species III principally illustrated in Figure 12. Applicant believes that Claims 4-8 read on the elected species. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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